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1. Since May 1952, a 100-man aircraft spotter unit has been stationed in Kriva Reka (Sveta Kostenits).<sup>1</sup> The unit mans posts at Chakaritsa (N4208 E2348), Belmeken (N4211 E2348), and Kurtovo (N4206 E2348).<sup>2</sup> The posts communicate with the Kriva Reka headquarters by field phone and light signals. Kriva Reka has a wireless telegraph set; individual's posts have projectors. People in the area believe that the unit is in charge of detecting illegal flights and parachutists.
2. Planes from the Nevrokop airfield make daily flights over the border zone to Dospet. The local population believes that the planes check movements in the border zone.
3. The approaches to the border zone at Dolen (N4137 E2356) are guarded by an unidentified military unit. Identity cards and travel permits are frequently checked. Armed civilians were observed patrolling the mountain paths.
4. The only change this year in the military units situated in Razlog has been the addition of a 400-man cavalry unit. Three hundred men from this unit were sent to Nevrokop for summer training. No Soviets or tanks were observed in Razlog.
5. In the Yakoruda (N4202 E2340) area, there are no signs of mobilization, call up of reserves, or registration of wagons, horses, or mules. For the past two years there has been no change in documentation; however, security measures have been increasingly stringent, and food and money are scarce. The morale of the Pomaks is low.

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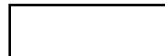
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6. All wooden bridges on the Belovo-Yakoruda (N4213 E2401) road and the Yadenitsa-Yakoruda<sup>3</sup> road have been replaced by steel bridges.


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1.  Comment: Probably Kostenets (N4215 E2350) is meant.

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2.  Comment: These hills can be found at the locations indicated on the Deutsche Heereskarte 1:100,000 map series.

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3.  Comment: The Yadenitsa River is located at approximately N4208 E2356.

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